

increase, if you believe that we had ought to cut the expenditures to avoid that tax increase and if you are still...I hope you're not naive enough to believe after about five days on LB 722 that we're going to agree to do it selectively so it almost is going to have to be in some fashion across the board such as we're attempting to deal with now. Now if you agree with that then you ought not to vote for the Wesely amendment because Senator Wesely and Senator Hannibal both do not totally agree with an across the board cut. Senator Hannibal made that very clear. So part of what is going on here is to put some people in here so we get more pressure from back of the glass doors against any cuts whatsoever. And I understand where Senator Wesely is coming from and I commend him for that. The University simply does not want a two percent cut, period. They don't want any more further cuts at all, period. Well neither does anybody else. It's never fun to have to cut the budget. It's never easy to have to cut the budget. If you're in a business like I'm in you understand that. We've been doing it for five years living with it. But Senator Wesely, what he is saying is, you know we really can't, we really don't want to cut two percent from a place like the University of Nebraska. Instead we want to take it away from these schools for the visually handicapped, schools for the deaf, mental retardation, blind rehabilitation, we want to take it off the backs of those kind of folks as well. We want to include them. We want to get those people involved in this mechanism that all the emotion gets involved about, all the political pressure gets put to bear and we say, oh, no, I guess maybe we really can't do it after all. Folks, there comes a point in time when whether you want to do it or not, whether you think you can do it or not, you've got to do it. We're at that point. We've got to make that decision. If you accept the Wesely amendment then I believe you're making a decision, no, we're not going to make any cuts at all because nobody really wants to make those cuts, or not enough people on those particular kinds of programs. I urge you to reject the Wesely amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak on the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Briefly, Mr. President. I believe that we recognize, as Senator Wesely has pointed out here, that it's tough to make some of these decisions. I believe there is a valid reason for those exclusions. You just read the list